

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror for a motor vehicle comprising:

a mirror foot ⁽¹⁾ fastenable to the vehicle;

a mirror carrier ⁽²⁾ fastenable to the mirror foot so as to be capable of swivelling about a swivelling axis;

a spring element;

⁽¹⁾ a first detent element associated with one of said mirror foot and said mirror carrier, in
said first detent element having a spring force upon moving the first detent element from a rest
position;

⁽²⁾ a first detent contour associated with the other of said mirror foot and the mirror carrier,
the mirror carrier being fastenable to the mirror foot by virtue of a latching of said first detent element in the first detent contour;

^(15 or 6) a second detent element in a second detent contour associated with the mirror foot, the
position of the mirror carrier relative to the mirror foot being securable at at least one defined
swivel angle by virtue of a latching of the second detent element in the second detent contour
to the mirror carrier, wherein the mirror carrier in the latched state of the first detent element
is displaceable counter to pressure of the spring element force at least far enough in the
direction of the swivelling axis for the second detent element mirror carrier to be unlatchable
from the second detent contour through swivelling of the mirror carrier.

2. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the second

detent element said mirror carrier and/or the second detent contour comprise at least one sliding surface extending obliquely from the bottom up relative to the swivelling axis whereby said mirror carrier second detent element upon unlatching from said second detent contour is pressed in the direction of the swivelling axis.

3. (Original) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element in the latched state is movable in the manner of a preloaded spring element into engagement with the first detent contour so that the first detent element in the latched state braces the mirror carrier with a specific initial tension elastically against the mirror foot.

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4. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror according to claim 1, further comprising a wherein said first detent element has spring element characteristics wherein upon a relative movement between said mirror carrier and the said mirror foot in the direction of the swivelling axis a corresponding, oppositely directed restoring force may be generated through elastic deformation of said first detent element spring element.

5. (Original) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element and the first detent contour each comprise a detent portion which, during latching, comes to rest against the respective opposing detent portion, wherein at least one of the opposing detent portions extends in a reference plane, which extends at an angle α of 1° to 89° , relative to the reference planes defined by the swivelling axis.

✓ 6. (Original) An outside mirror according to claim 5, wherein the angle α is an angle of 40° to 50° , relative to the reference planes defined by the swivelling axis.

✓ 7. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the detent portion of the first detent element and/or the first detent contour is formed, at least in sections, by a conical wall portion.

✓ 8. (Original) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element includes a detent tongue with a first end coupled in an elastically sprung manner to the mirror carrier or mirror foot and with a second end which is latchable into the first detent contour.

✓ 9. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror according to claim 1, further comprising: a circular symmetrical retaining element in the form of a sleeve connected to said mirror foot, said retaining element extending in a direction of the swivelling axis for fastening the mirror carrier to the mirror foot, said retaining element being insertable by it's a free end into a functionally complementary recess of the mirror carrier or mirror foot, the retaining element being disposed on the mirror carrier or mirror foot.

✓ 10. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror according to claim 9, wherein the sleeve in the lateral surface has at least one substantially U-shaped notch, thereby forming a detent tongue of said first detent element, which is coupled in particular in an elastically sprung

manner and is coupled in particular in the region of the free end of the sleeve to the sleeve.

11. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror according to claim 9, wherein the first detent contour is formed by a substantially conical wall portion in a recess of the mirror carrier or mirror foot.

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12. (Original) An outside mirror according to claim 9, further comprising: guide surfaces disposed in the recess for receiving the retaining element, the guide surfaces including protruding guide lugs whereby a swivelling motion of the mirror carrier on the retaining element may be guided in a radial direction substantially without play.

13. (Original) An outside mirror according to claim 1, further comprising a protruding lug movable into engagement in an opposing groove, the lug for limiting a swivelling motion of the mirror carrier, the lug being movable into contact with the ends of the groove disposed as a swivelling limitation on the mirror carrier or mirror foot.

14. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the mirror carrier and/or mirror foot are manufactured substantially completely from plastics material as injection-moulded parts.

15. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror according to claim 14, wherein the mirror

carrier is a substantially one piece structure and/or said mirror foot are of is a substantially one piece design structure.

16. (New) An outside mirror for a motor vehicle comprising:

a mirror foot for fastening to the vehicle, the mirror foot having a sleeve with a first detent element having a spring force upon deflection from a rest position;

a mirror carrier with a recess having a first detent contour, the mirror carrier being fastenable to the mirror foot by virtue of a deflection of said first detent element to pass said first detent contour and a subsequent latching of said first detent element to said first detent contour to assume a latched state, the first detent element in the latched state being movable in the manner of a preloaded spring element while in engagement with the first detent contour so that the first detent element in the latched state braces the mirror carrier with a specific initial tension elastically against the mirror foot;

a second detent contour associated with the mirror foot, the position of the mirror carrier relative to the mirror foot being secured at a position with a defined swivel angle by a latching of said second detent contour to the mirror carrier, wherein the mirror carrier in the latched state of the first detent element to said first detent contour is displaceable counter to pressure of the spring force at least far enough in the direction of the swivelling axis for said mirror carrier to be unlatched from said second detent contour to allow movement of said mirror carrier from said position with said defined swivel angle.